

Higher Learning Committee
Criterion 1
February 18th, 2009
2:30pm – 4:30pm

Present:

Max Simmons, Division of Science and Math
Carolyn Rouillard, Human Resources
Mark Schneberger, Professor of English
Leageay Barnes, Division of Health Professions
Shelly Tevis, Division of Health Professions

Leageay Barnes the chair of the Higher Learning Committee Criterion 1 called the meeting to order.

Mark Schneberger a new committee member was introduced.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Leageay gave a recap of the social gathering at Dr. Aquino's house with the results of the multiple choice question choosing the college mission statement. The majority answered C. which is the college vision.

Leageay had met with Dr. Sechrist and he would meet with the committee to answer questions for the group. Dr. Sechrist also informed Leageay that the committee could invite anyone that they thought would be beneficial to the committee's outcomes. In discussion numerous names were added to the list of possible guests as follows, Dr. Sechrist, Greg Gardner, Dr. Aquino, Marion Paden, Gary Lombard, Pat Berryhill, and Janice Phillips.

Leageay concluded from her meeting with Dr. Sechrist that the committee needed to focus less on the statement and more on tying it back to the college's records and publications.

Also any recommendations should be noted but it was not the responsibility of the committee to resolve them but they are to be noted as weaknesses.

The mission documents are the main concern of Criterion 1. That being clarified the committee began the review of Core Component 1a. Dr. Sechrist and Janice Phillips had suggested they begin with the Policy Governance document and after further discussion

the review of the framed red document and The Way Forward Document was also included as documents that tie back to the Mission Statement. The committee also looked at the Achieving the Dream document which was adopted by the college may be used by the committee as part of the Mission documents.

Shelly Tevis had made copies of the Policy Governance document and passed them to the other members.

Shelly informed the committee that she was working on a list of the Institutional Committees and had sent an email to Anita Rhea; Kim Valleca and Denise Stewart to inquire if there were any more specific committees in those areas and the only response so far was from Denise. The list she was working from she found on the website.

Stephen Crynnes needs to compile all the minutes from the committees for the HLC and he had commented that the files he had at this point were for the last visit and the HLC Committee would need to locate from that point forward.

After recapping the meeting it was determined that Shelly will continue her pursuit of the committee lists and Mark Schneberger will help. Next meeting the committee will work on Component 1b.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Debby Martinez